

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) The absorbent product according to claim 40, wherein at least one of the flow passages are provided in at least one of both front and back ends of the absorber, ~~on both right and left sides of the absorber and/or in the center of the absorber.~~

3. (Currently Amended) The absorbent product according to claim 40, wherein the surface sheet is composed of a synthetic resin film which is ~~single layer.~~ a single layer.

4. (Currently Amended) The absorbent product according to claim 40, wherein the surface sheet is composed of a laminate of a synthetic resin film and a nonwoven fabric provided on a surface ~~of the~~ of an upper side of the synthetic resin film.

5. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product according to claim 3, wherein the synthetic resin film has concave and convex portions that constitute the flow passages.

6. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product according to claim 40, wherein the surface sheet is positioned such that a portion of the upper surface of the absorber is exposed.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product according to claim 40, wherein a liquid-permeable guide sheet is laminated to at least a portion of the surface of the upper side of the surface sheet.

9. (Currently Amended) The absorbent product according to claim 8, wherein the guide sheet covers at least a portion of ~~the~~ lateral sides of the absorber directly or over the surface sheet.

10. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product according to claim 8, wherein the guide sheet has concave and convex portions that constitute the flow passages and has apertures in some of or in all of the convex portions.

11. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product according to claim 40, wherein a skin-contactable sheet composed of liquid-permeable nonwoven fabric is laminated to at least a portion of the upper side of the surface sheet.

12. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product according to claim 40, wherein the back sheet is composed of a synthetic resin film.

13. (Original) The absorbent product according to claim 12, wherein the synthetic resin film that constitutes the back sheet has air-permeability.

14. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product according to claim 40, wherein the back sheet is composed of a laminate of a synthetic resin film and a nonwoven fabric provided on the surface of the lower side of the synthetic resin film.

15. (Original) The absorbent product according to claim 14, wherein both the synthetic resin film and the nonwoven fabric that constitute the back sheet have air-permeability.

16. (Currently Amended) The absorbent product according to claim 14, wherein the synthetic resin film that constitutes the back sheet has concave and convex portions and has apertures in some of or in all of the convex portions, and the nonwoven fabric that constitutes the back sheet is a water-resistant laminate of ~~two layers or more, at least two layers, containing one layer or more than one layer at least one layer~~ of a spunbond nonwoven fabric and one layer or more than one ~~layers~~ layer of meltblown nonwoven fabric.

17. (Currently Amended) The absorbent product according to claim 12, wherein the synthetic resin film that constitutes the back sheet has concave and convex portions constituting a liquid trap portion on ~~the~~ a surface of ~~the~~ an upper side thereof.

18. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product according to claim 40, wherein the absorber is composed of a mixture of the super absorbent polymer and fluffy pulp wrapped with a liquid-permeable core-wrapping sheet.

19. (Currently Amended) The absorbent product according to claim 40, wherein the absorber has two layers of liquid-permeable nonwoven fabrics and the super absorbent polymer is inserted ~~in-between~~ in between the two layers.

20. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product according to claim 40, wherein the absorber includes the super absorbent polymer supported by means of coating on a liquid-permeable nonwoven fabric.

21. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product according to claim 40, wherein a content of the super absorbent polymer in the absorber is 50 wt% or more.

22. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product according to claim 40, further comprising:

an absorbent product main body that can form an internal space to contain a wearer's objective region when worn;

a housing for an absorber unit adjacent to the absorbent product main body, continued to the internal space, wherein the housing contains the back sheet on an inner wall thereof; and

an absorber unit structured by combining at least the surface sheet and the absorber, the absorber unit being removably received by the housing for the absorber unit.

23. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product according to claim 37, wherein the guide sheet is included at least in a portion between the internal space of the absorbent product main body and the housing for the absorber unit.

24. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product according to claim 22, wherein a liquid-permeable skin-contactable sheet is included at least in a portion between the internal space of the absorbent product main body and the housing for the absorber unit.

25. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product according to claim 22, wherein the housing for the absorber unit includes a plurality of the absorber units, the absorber units being laminated.

26. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product according to claim 40, further comprising:

an absorbent product main body that can form an internal space to contain a wearer's objective region when worn; and

a housing for an absorber adjacent to the absorbent product main body, continued to the internal space, wherein the housing contains the back sheet on an inner wall thereof, and

wherein an absorber is removably received by the housing for the absorber; and,

wherein the surface sheet is included at least in a portion between the internal space of the absorbent product main body and the housing for the absorber.

27. (Currently Amended) The absorbent product according to claim 38, wherein substantially all of the guide sheet is laminated on the a surface of the upper side of the surface sheet.

28. (Currently Amended) The absorbent product according to claim 26, wherein a liquid-permeable skin-contactable sheet is provided at least on a portion of the a surface of the upper side of the surface sheet.

29. (Currently Amended) The absorbent product according to claim 26, wherein the housing for the absorber includes a plurality of the absorbers, the ~~absorber units~~ absorbers being laminated.

30. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product according to claim 40, wherein a urine-disposing portion extending from a center to a front section and a feces-disposing portion extending from the center to a back section are provided and the surface sheet is provided only at the urine-disposing portion.

31. (Currently Amended) The absorbent product according to claim 30, wherein a liquid-impermeable back-flow preventing sheet is included inside ~~and/or at least one of an~~ the an upper surface of the absorber, at least at the feces-disposing portion.

32. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product according to claim 40, wherein a re-wet amount measured under a load of 0.1 psi (5 minutes after the beginning of the absorption to allow a sodium chloride solution of 0.9 wt% in the amount equivalent to 50 % of the absorbing capacity of the absorber to be absorbed in the absorber at 25 °C under no load) is 5 mL or less.

33. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product according to claim 32, wherein the re-wet amount is 2 mL or less.

34. (Currently Amended) The absorbent product according to claim 40,  
wherein the absorber's absorbing capacity of sodium chloride solution of  
0.9 wt% is 300 mL ~~or more, more, and~~  
~~and an~~ an average re-wet amount after three additions of 100 mL of saline  
under no load, one said addition every 10 minutes, is ~~5 mL or~~ 5mL or less; and  
when saline is added to be absorbed by the absorber in the amount of 100 mL  
each time in three separate additions under a load of 0.1 psi in every 10 minutes,  
the mean absorption time of the three additions is 30 seconds or less,

and the standard deviation of the absorption time is 2 seconds or less.

35. (Currently Amended) The absorbent product according to claim 4, wherein the synthetic resin film has concave and convex portions that ~~constitute~~ constitutes at least one of the flow-passage passages.

36. (Currently Amended) The absorbent product according to claim 8, wherein a skin-contactable sheet composed of liquid-permeable nonwoven fabric is laminated to at least a portion of ~~at least one of a the surface of the upper side of either the surface sheet or the and an upper side of a surface of the guide sheet.~~

37. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product according to claim 8, further comprising:

an absorbent product main body that can form an internal space to contain a wearer's objective region when worn; and

a housing for an absorber unit adjacent to the absorbent product main body, continued to the internal space, wherein the housing contains the back sheet on an inner wall thereof, and

wherein an absorber unit including at least the surface sheet and the absorber is removably received by the housing for the absorber unit.

38. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product according to claim 8, further comprising:

an absorbent product main body that can form an internal space to contain a wearer's objective region when worn; and

a housing for an absorber adjacent to the absorbent product main body, extending to the internal space, wherein the housing contains the back sheet on an inner wall thereof, and

wherein the absorber is removably received by the housing, and at least a portion of the surface sheet is located between the absorbent product main body and the housing for the absorber.

39. (Currently Amended) The absorbent product according to claim 27, wherein a liquid-permeable skin-contactable sheet is provided at least on a portion of at least one of the surface of the upper side of the surface sheet-~~or and the surface of the upper side of~~ the guide sheet.

40. (Currently Amended) An absorbent product, comprising:  
a surface sheet which is liquid-impermeable;  
a back sheet which is liquid-impermeable positioned under the surface sheet;

and

an absorber including super absorbent polymer, the absorber being positioned between a lower side of the surface sheet and the back sheet, wherein  
the surface sheet fully covers in a lateral direction, and partially or fully covers in a longitudinal direction, an upper surface of the absorber, the longitudinal direction being a direction from front to back of a wearer's body when the absorbent product is worn and perpendicular to the lateral direction,

the back sheet fully covers a lower surface of the absorber in the longitudinal direction and the lateral direction, and includes a left wall and a right wall, ~~each of~~ the left wall and the right wall extending along a left side and a right side of the absorber respectively, and exceeding the surface sheet in a lamination direction in which the absorber and the surface sheet are laminated on the back sheet,

a set of flow passages ~~are formed~~ formed in the longitudinal direction beginning ~~on the top~~ an upper side of the surface sheet where a discharged liquid is supplied from the wearer's body, each flow passage exceeding each lateral end of the surface sheet and

extending along a space between the left and right walls of the back sheet and the left and right sides of the absorber respectively, and

each flow passage is provided such that at least a part of a discharged the discharged liquid flows off from the surface sheet into at least one of the flow-passage, passages, toward the back sheet and moves between the back sheet and the absorber.